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they are not going to stand up and take the position that they ought to. So I am going to have to do what I can to stop the bill and I tell you that my concerns are genuine and serious. There are lawyers in this body who know what I am talking about. There are nonlawyers who know what I am talking about. But because this bill might move along and when it gets to Select File, if you look at the groups that favored it, you know what kind of lobbying is going to be brought to bear. There are other bills that were very serious in what they did and had far-reaching impact and they were slid along as an accommodation at this stage of debate and then the lobbying became so intense that the Legislature could not resist and a bad bill went onto passage. At that point, once the steamroller is moving, my one vote cannot even slow it down, let alone stop it. While I have the means to prevent this from moving forward, I have to take advantage of those means.

SPEAKER NICHOL: (Gavel) It is getting pretty noisy. Let's hold it down so we can hear the speakers. Thank you. Excuse me, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That is all right. So here is why I am moving to kill the bill in case you don't understand it. First of all, there may be actions the Attorney General is taking in death penalty cases and I would like to be able to get the Legislature to pass a bill saying that any appeals he is prosecuting at that time which might result in a person losing his or her life he would withdraw from such appeals. I couldn't get that through the Legislature. You would say it is terrible policy, once in court it ought to go through the procedure that the courts have established. But when we come to a matter which is a special interest piece of legislation, then we are going to take away the discretion of the Attorney General while at the same time leaving the power to exercise that same discretion at a later date. You have adopted the committee amendment and it says in the form that you are going to vote on if you don't accept this kill motion that the Attorney General can be compelled to withdraw from a case. Some of you might say the Legislature will act responsibly in such an instance. I say the fact that the Legislature will pass this bill shows